



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Public Works

At its meeting held May 27, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc. (BFI), currently owns property in an area known as Elsmere Canyon, which is located in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles on the southeastern border of the City of Santa Clarita. Elsmere Canyon is one of the true jewels of the County. It is an environmentally sensitive area, home of 12 natural waterfalls, 20 Federally endangered species, more than 8,000 trees, and other significant natural and archeological resources. It is a precious resource to be preserved for future generations.

“BFI is in the process of finalizing an agreement, subject to the resolution of third-party claims, to donate approximately 400 acres of its Elsmere Canyon property to the County of Los Angeles for use as open space. This site was originally identified as a future landfill site in the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element.

“This planning document was prepared by the County Department of Public Works pursuant to State law which requires the County to identify 15 years of disposal capacity to address the solid waste disposal needs of the County unincorporated communities and the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles. The Siting Element was approved by a majority of the cities in the County containing a majority of the cities’ population, by this Board in January 1998, and the State Waste Board in June 1998.

“Upon execution of the agreement donating the property for open space, the site will need to be removed from the Siting Element’s list of future landfill sites.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Director of Public Works was instructed to investigate the process for removing the Elsmere Canyon site from the Siting Element's list of future landfill sites, and to report back to the Board within 30 days with the findings.

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